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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera-Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager *[Signature]* or KGB

DATE: March 28, 2013

SUBJECT: **FDOT RECONSTRUCTION OF ALTON ROAD**

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The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide an update on the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) reconstruction of Alton Road beginning on April 1, 2013 and, in particular, the Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Plan and its affects on West Avenue.

Based on information recently provided by the FDOT and meetings with staff, beginning the week of April 1, 2013, the contractor for the Alton Road Roadway Project is scheduled to begin removing the median between Dade Boulevard and Michigan Avenue. Work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. One southbound and one northbound lane will be closed in order to remove the existing median and establish a temporary traffic shift. The southbound left turn movement at Dade Boulevard will be closed during this phase. Typical Lane closure hours will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to avoid impacting peak periods of traffic on Alton Road.

Following the median removal, the contractor will install a new water main between Michigan Avenue and Dade Boulevard which should commence during the week of April 8th. Because of the median removal, the contractor will maintain two southbound lanes and two northbound lanes open at all times in this section. Subsequently, the water main will be installed between Dade Boulevard and 17th Street. During this phase, one southbound lane may be closed and parking restricted daily on Alton Road.

From April 1st to April 19th, the contractor will be checking for underground utility conflicts on 10th Street and 14th Street from Alton Road to Bay Road. This work may require closure of one lane on southbound Alton Road and side streets. Certified flaggers will be used to help direct traffic.

FDOT has advised that on the week of April 29th, the contractor and engineering team will be evaluating congestion levels on Alton Road due to the single-lane closures in the southbound direction. If warranted, FDOT is tentatively scheduled to begin restriping the West Avenue corridor between April 29, 2013 and May 6, 2013. Only the portion of West Avenue south of 8th Street will be used as an official detour route due to closure of southbound Alton Road from 8th Street to 5th Street for the installation of drainage tentatively scheduled to start May 6th. During this time, the water main installation will reduce southbound traffic to one lane for approximately 500 feet at a time. However, as early as July 2013, the entire West Avenue corridor may be used as an official detour route.

The contractor has deployed Variable Message Signs (VMS) to be placed at key locations throughout the City. The City continues to request more VMS in order to improve the community outreach. These additional signs and more explicit information will serve to inform motorists of the differing stages of construction and identify alternative routes to be used.

The City has expressed concerns regarding the limited use of off-duty police officers. In this highly urbanized environment, the City Administration believes that active police enforcement will be essential to the proper flow of traffic along both Alton Road and West Avenue corridors during construction. The City of Miami Beach has a vested interest in ensuring that construction impacts to the flow of traffic are minimized, and recommends that FDOT utilize the City's police officers, who regularly work in the community, to address traffic and safety concerns and needs of the community. This would ensure a proactive approach to traffic enforcement and reduce the risk of congestion. The new City Manager is meeting with FDOT Secretary Pego on April 1, 2013 to review the traffic impacts and discuss the use of off-duty Miami Beach Police.

FDOT will provide weekly construction alerts/updates as the project progresses. For more information, please contact Senior Project Engineer Enrique Tamayo, P.E., at (305) 534-5330, or Public Information Specialist Heather Leslie at (305) 905-5876, heather@hmlpublicoutreach.com.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Attachment:

FDOT Construction Alert

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CONSTRUCTION ALERT

State Road (SR) 907/Alton Road Upcoming Construction Activities

FIN #: 249911-1/3-52-01
Project Begins: April 2013

EIGHT WEEK CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE LOOK AHEAD

Beginning the week of Monday, April 1, 2013, the contractor for the Alton Road Roadway Project is scheduled to begin mobilizing crews and preparing the roadway for the installation of a new water main. Work hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., with **daytime travel lane closure hours from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Areas of on-street parking will be temporarily closed, as needed, to provide space for work.** Upcoming activities are scheduled as follows. Please note this schedule could change due to bad weather or other unforeseen conditions.

APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 5

Alton Road from Dade Boulevard to Michigan Avenue

- Equipment and material set up. One northbound and/or one southbound lane on Alton Road may be closed.
- Removal of palms, landscaping and sections of curb along the median to set up temporary traffic shift.

Alton Road at 10 Street and 14 Street; 10 Street from Alton Road to Bay Road; 14 Street from Alton Road to Bay Road

- The contractor will be checking for underground utility conflicts. One lane on southbound Alton Road and side streets may be closed. Certified flaggers will be used to help direct traffic.

APRIL 8 THROUGH APRIL 19

Alton Road from Dade Boulevard to Michigan Avenue

- The contractor will begin excavating the roadway, installing the new water main and setting up temporary street lighting. One southbound lane may be closed and the southbound left turn lane on Alton Road at Dade Boulevard will be converted to a through travel lane.

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- The contractor will be checking for underground utility conflicts. One lane on southbound Alton Road and side streets may be closed. Certified flaggers will be used to help direct traffic.

APRIL 22 THROUGH MAY 10

Alton Road from Dade Boulevard to Michigan Avenue

- New water main testing to begin. Water sampling stations with dripping water will be set up throughout the area. Please do not disturb sampling stations.

Alton Road from Dade Boulevard to 17 Street

- The contractor will begin excavating the roadway to prepare for the new water main installation. One southbound lane may be closed daily on Alton Road. Left turn movements may be restricted at times.

MAY 10 THROUGH MAY 24

Alton Road from Dade Boulevard to Michigan Avenue

- The contractor will make the final connection of the new water main. One southbound lane may be closed daily on Alton Road.

Alton Road from 17 Street to north of 16 Street

- New fire hydrants will be installed. One northbound lane may be closed daily on Alton Road.

Access to businesses and sidewalks will be maintained at all times. The construction team will coordinate the closure of driveways; however, at least one entrance will be maintained at all times. Lane closure and project information will be posted weekly on the Department's website.

HELPFUL TIPS

- Allow extra time to reach your destination
- Obey all posted signs, No Parking signs and speed limits. Cars may be towed at the owner's expense.
- Watch for signs with information about upcoming work and traffic conditions

ALWAYS PUT SAFETY FIRST

For your safety and the safety of others, please use caution when driving, walking or biking around any construction zone. Wearing a safety belt is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. The Department takes steps to reduce construction effects, but you might experience the following around the work site:

- Side street, travel lane and on-street parking closures
- Sidewalk closures with detours guiding pedestrians to cross the street at signalized intersections
- Increased dust, noise and vibrations
- Workers and equipment moving around the area
- Expect increased truck activity along 6 Street between Alton Road and West Avenue due to contractor's staging area

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact CCEI Senior Project Engineer Enrique Tamayo, P.E. at (305) 364-3064, or Public Information Specialist Heather Leslie at (305) 905-5876 or Heather@hmlpublicoutreach.com.



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